GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:482
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2003
TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IN BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government propose to install high and low power transmitters along the Western border areas of the country in order to increase the quality of radio and TV signals;

(b) if so, the number of high and low power transmitters installed so far in the said areas, location-wise;

(c) the reasons for delay in completion of work, which was to be completed in the year 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(d) the steps taken to achieve the target and progress made in this regard as on date; and

(e) the time by which the work on the above proposal is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 482 FOR 24/04/2003

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Twenty two High Power and 163 Low/Very Low Power TV Transmittersand 7 High Power and 4 Low Power Radio Transmitters are presently functioning in the western border. Location-wise details of these transmitters are given in the Annexure.

(c, d & e): All the transmitter projects targeted to be set up in the western border states during 2001-02 and 2002-03 have been completed with the exception of permanent set ups at Fazilka, Ajmer, Surat and 20 KW MW AIRTransmitter at Bhuj (replacement of existing 20 KW MW Tr.).

Construction of towers at Fazilka and Ajmer has been completed to fullheight and antenna panels and feeder cables are to be mounted on the towers. Permanent set ups at Fazilka and Ajmer are targeted to be commissioned during the current year. Foundation of tower at Surat has been completed and erection is to be done by M/s. Triveni Structurals Ltd. (TSL). There has beendelay in completion of the above projects due to delay in construction of towers by M/s. TSL.

The AIR Transmitter at Bhuj, which was targeted for completionduring 2002-03; got delayed because of non despatch of equipment due to prevailing war in Iraq. The project is now targeted for completion during 2003-04.

All out efforts are being made by Prasar Bharati to complete the above projects at the earliest.